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## *Pass Creek Pass Road Emergency Closure Lifted*

**Sullivan Lake, WA** – Colville National Forest Officials have reduced the temporary emergency closures issued for the Grease Creek Fire east of Sullivan Lake, Washington. The temporary closure of Pass Creek Pass Road (Forest Road 2200) is lifted effective immediately. Harvey Creek Road (Forest Road 1925) and Sullivan Creek Road (Forest Road 2220) remain open.

It is important to note that these roads are listed on the Colville National Forest Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) as open to highway legal vehicles only.

The fire area closure for the Grease Creek Fire remains in effect (see attached map).

The remaining closure area remain extremely hazardous and all trails and roads leading into the interior of burned areas will remain closed to public access through the winter to allow time for winter snow to fully extinguish the fires and bring down any additional loose trees damaged by wildfire. Falling burnt trees, debris flows, rolling rocks, mud and landslides as well as road failures are all potential risks associated with post-fire burned areas. Burned area closures will be enforced, and violations are punishable by a fine of not more than \$5,000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, imprisonment for not more than 6 months, or both. (16 U.S.C. 551 and 18 U.S.C. 3559, 3571, and 3581)

Prior to venturing into the woods for hunting or other recreational activities this fall, forest visitors are strongly encouraged to view maps of existing area closures and the roads and trails that lead into them to ensure they are not unknowingly venturing into a closed area. Maps and specific descriptions of the closed areas are available by visiting your local Forest Service office or online at [www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/colville/alerts-notice](http://www.fs.usda.gov/alerts/colville/alerts-notice)

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